

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday March 12, 2008, 8:30 A.M., at the Jamestown Philomenian Library in Jamestown.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman
Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman
William Chuck Alves

Members Absent:

Stephen C. Waluk
Arthur H. Fletcher

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Christine H. Callahan, CFO/Controller
Peter M. Janaros, P.E.
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations
Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance
JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant
Bernard A. Jackvony Esq. Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously after the Chairman noted in his report that his remarks on Travel and Marketing Expense should have read that the RITBA has had a Travel and Marketing Police in place for sometime and that he recommended it be put in writing.

Item No. 3

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve: Moses Afonso Jackvony – Legal Counsel
Services rendered through 2/28/08 \$8,013.97

Item No. 4

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve: Tillinghas Licht - Legal Counsel
Services rendered through 1/29/08 \$675.58

Item No. 5

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to ratify: PB Americas, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge
Preliminary Study – Maintaining Fiscal Integrity
Invoice No. 343589 \$ 7,000.00
Other Engineering Services-Fiscal
Integrity Coordination W/RDW
Invoice No. 346415 629.15
\$7,629.15

Item No. 6

The Chairman removed Item No. 6 from the agenda stating it was not necessary for Board approval.

Item No. 7

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve Contract #08-3 RITBA Fire Alarm System to Coastal Electric.

Item No. 8

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve Pannone, Lopes, & Devereaux as RITBA Legal Representation.

Item No. 9

Chairman's Report – David A. Darlington

Reported on the RITBA presentations for the last six to eight weeks with our State Representatives, Attorney General and Congressional delegates and also testimony to the State Finance Committee regarding RITBA Financial and Operational Health Study. The Chairman thanked Debra Moolin, P.E., PB Americas, for an excellent job on her participation on behalf of the Authority.

Item No. 10

Executive Director's Report – Buddy Croft

Feb. 06, 2008	Attend House Finance Meeting
Feb. 07, 2008	Legislative Luncheon Meeting at Convention Center
Feb. 08, 2008	Meeting with Attorney General Lynch
Feb. 11, 2008	Meeting with Tim Costa – Policy Director
Feb. 12, 2008	Senior Staff and Office Staff Meetings
Feb. 14, 2008	EZ Pass Pre-Bid
Feb. 14, 2008	Meeting with Attorney Jackvony
Feb. 15, 2008	Meeting with Tom Groth at Marsh
Feb. 29, 2008	Meeting with RDW
Mar. 03, 2008	Meeting at Attorney Jackvony's office
Mar. 03, 2008	Meeting with Tim Costa and Director Williams
Mar. 04, 2008	Meeting with Maureen Gurghigian
Mar. 05, 2008	Senior Staff Meeting
Mar. 06, 2008	House Transportation Sub-Committee
Mar. 10, 2008	Meeting with Attorney Jackvony
Mar. 11, 2008	Tourism Summer Kickoff

Issues / Updates

- EZ Pass – Bids due March 18, 2008
- Waterline
- AC/HC

Item No. 11

CFO/Controller's Report – Christine H. Callahan

1. Traffic and Revenue
 - January and February 2008 Traffic and Revenue Summary
2. Operating and Maintenance Expenses Compared to Budget
 - Month-ended and Year-to-Date January, 2008
3. Construction in Process Expense Summary
4. Daily Cash and Investment Summary
 - As of Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Item No. 12

Director of Engineering Report – Peter M. Janaros, P.E.

Newport/Pell Bridge

- EZ Pass RFP – Staff review and comment complete on RIVIP February 4, 2008 with Bid opening March 18, 2008.
- Contract 06-7 Cable investigation awaiting test results
- Concrete Deck Evaluation/Design ongoing – Major decisions based on our evaluations with PB Americas
- Contract 08-4 On-Call Maintenance Contract will be bid April 23, 2008
- Fracture Critical Inspection complete – report due in March
- Toll Booth HVAC waiting on equipment delivery in April
- Waterline – April installation - Thanks to Nami of DOT for permit help
- Ongoing studies Median Barrier / West Approach Pavements / Structure “E”
- Contract 05-12 Electric Security Contract in close out phase
- Ramp Project – Next meeting in 2 weeks – Advisory Committee to recommend the Hi Li ramp alternative to City Council at a workshop. Roundabout alternative not viable.

Mt. Hope Bridge

- Annual Inspection is complete with report due in April
- 08-1: Design is underway for Concrete Tower Base Rehabilitation to be bid this spring – two year contract.
- 05-11: Cianbro finishing up Tower Painting and Rehabilitation this Spring

Item No. 13

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel Matters, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation, Litigation, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (3), Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (5) The acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or the disposition of publicly held property, Approval Executive Session minutes for January 9, 2008 Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:03 A.M.

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Motion made by Arthur Fletcher and seconded by Richard Eannarino to come out of Executive Session to seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

Motion made by Richard Eannarino, seconded by Art Fletcher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. All Board Members voted aye.

Buddy Croft
Secretary